

**An Afternoon at the Movies- STAAR Revising and Editing- HYDE**

*In response to a class assignment, Drew wrote the following story. He would like you to read his story and suggest ways he can correct and improve it. Then answer the questions that follow.*

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(1) As I starred at the flickering images on the screen, I had to shake my head to keep from falling asleep. (2) I was annoyed with myself for having spent \$10 on such a dumb movie. (3) I hate wasting money, and even more than that, I hate wasting time. (4) Because I seldom have the opportunity to see movies, I had asked some of my friends to recommend a good one. (5) Most of my friends are in choir. (6) Several people had mentioned *Rabbits from Outer Space*.

(7) "It's the funniest movie of the year" Tony had assured me.

(8) "You'll laugh from the beginning to the end."

(9) "It's fantastic!" Sharon had agreed. (10) "The people who made this film are the most creative folks in hollywood. (11) I don't know how they ever came up with the idea. (12) Just imagine—giant rabbits hopping out of spaceships and heading right for the vegetable section at the supermarket! (13) What a concept!"

(14) "You won't believe the spechial effects," Manny had added.

(15) "The sound track is incredible, too. (16) If you're going to see only one film this summer, this is the one you should see."

(17) After hearing all these rave reviews. (18) I decided I had to see *Rabbits from Outer Space*. (19) Now I was sitting in the theater, bored out of my mind. (20) As I seethed with frustrating, something finally occurred to me. (21) I *hate* animated films! (22) In fact, I have always hated them. (23) I didn't even like cartoons when I was a little kid. (24) Why had I listened to my friends! (25) I should have investigated the film myself.

(26) As another giant rabbit popped a handful of carrots into its mouth, I closed my eyes. (27) Since I had already paid for the seat, I was determined to at least get a good nap for my money!

1. What change should be made in sentence 1?

- A. Change *starred* to **stared**
- B. Delete the comma
- C. Change *I had* to **having**
- D. Change *falling* to **fallen**

2. What change, if any, should be made in sentence 7?

- F. Change *funniest* to **funnyest**
- G. Insert a comma after *year*
- H. Change *had assured* to **assures**
- J. Make no change

3. What change should be made in sentence 10?
- A. Delete the quotation marks
  - B. Insert a comma after *film*
  - C. Change *folks* to **folk's**
  - D. Change *hollywood* to **Hollywood**
4. What change, if any, should be made in sentence 14?
- F. Change *spechial* to **special**
  - G. Change *effects* to **affects**
  - H. Delete the comma
  - J. Make no change
5. What revision, if any, is needed in sentences 17 and 18?
- A. I heard all these rave reviews, then I decided I had to see *Rabbits from Outer Space*.
  - B. After hearing all these rave reviews, I decided I had to see *Rabbits from Outer Space*.
  - C. I heard all these rave reviews. And decided I had to see *Rabbits from Outer Space*.
  - D. No revision is needed.
6. What change, if any, should be made in sentence 20?
- F. Change *frustrating* to **frustration**
  - G. Change *occurred* to **occurring**
  - H. Change *me* to **myself**
  - J. Make no change
7. What change, if any, should be made in sentence 24?
- A. Change *listened* to **lissened**
  - B. Change *to* to **too**
  - C. Change the exclamation point to a question mark
  - D. Make no change
8. Which sentence does NOT belong in this story?
- F. Sentence 5
  - G. Sentence 6
  - H. Sentence 25
  - J. Sentence 27